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Chris,

Thanks very much for offering this clarification. Your description is consistent with my notes from our discussions this week, and although it's more detailed than my notes, it is consistent with my understanding of what the group agreed to. If any members of the Eco Team disagree with any part of this, please let us know so we can accurately capture the Team's decision.

Thanks,
Mikell

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Subject: Using large-scalesucker as surrogate for sturgeon

Hi Mikell,

After our conversation yesterday, I wanted to restate my understanding of how large-scale suckers will be used as surrogates for sturgeon to see if we (the ecoteam) all have the same understanding. So...my understanding is that large-scale suckers will be used in food web analyses as the representative of all species, including sturgeon, in the "omnivore/herbivore" guild. However, because of ecological and natural history differences between large-scale suckers and sturgeon, we

are uncertain that protection of large-scale suckers would, in fact, be protective of sturgeon. Therefore, in our most recent ecoteam meeting in which we began to assign priorities to existing data gaps, we agreed that collection in the ISA of sturgeon within the size range believed to

be resident non-breeding individuals should be done. Concentrations of analytes obtained from empirical analyses of sturgeon tissues will then be compared to levels estimated for large-scale suckers based on food web model results to assess whether protection of large-scale suckers would be protective of sturgeon. Please let me know whether you agree or not with this. Similarly, if any other ecoteam members (all of whom have been copied on this e-mail) do NOT agree with this, please let the rest of us know so that we can resolve any misunderstandings.

Thanks very much,

Chris